

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S218**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Partisan Voting		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 218 provides that a person is not allowed to vote in a partisan primary election, partisan presidential primary election or partisan advisory referendum unless the person has registered as a member of that party or has executed an affidavit at the polling place for the primary stating that he or she is a member of that party.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Election Commission (SEC) estimates there will be a cost to the General Fund of the State of approximately \$2.9 million to implement the requirements of this Bill. Of this amount there would be a one-time cost of \$2,635,508 to mail postcards to all currently registered voters (at \$1 per voter). To initially register party affiliation, voters would do so via the Internet, by calling an 800 number, or by declaring on election day. This initial registration would cost approximately \$235,508. Thereafter, there would be an annual cost of approximately \$215,000 for any changes in registration and additional registrations.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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